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Dear Planning Commission,

As a resident in the Westfir area, I am very enthusiastic about the proposed projects for Transcascadia and Crow's Feet. Our community is incredibly fortunate to be surrounded by such a magnificent natural environment. This area allows individuals to reap the benefits of our local trails, rivers, and forests. The benefits associated with outdoor recreation promote a healthy population and a vibrant community.

During my time living here, I have been employed for Transcascadia Excursions. I am grateful for this job opportunity because this area does lack employment that allows an individual to live here sustainably. Looking forward, numerous employment opportunities will be created with the start of the two proposed projects. Furthermore, Transcascadia Excursions often takes part in voluntary trail work for our local trails as a way to support and give back to this wonderful community. On behalf of myself, I can say that this company has a desire to keep our area and trails clean, as well as keep intact the rich heritage and history of these two towns. I believe that Transcascadia can offer a new development, while preserving the desired aspects that long time local residents seek and appreciate.

Speaking specifically to Mountain biking, this sport is accessible to individuals of all ages, walks of life, and ability levels. Furthermore, this activity promotes good health and the ability for family and friends to gather and share positive experiences. I have worked in the outdoor recreation industry for over 10 years, and my personal experience has proved that in general, mountain bikers are respectful individuals that appreciate quiet environments. They tend to be an "early to bed, early to rise" type of crowd and are very adamant about leaving areas better than they found them.

Recreation and Tourism is an industry that has shown incredible growth in the past decade. The ever growing trend indicates our community can benefit tremendously from the economic impacts associated with this industry. Embracing this opportunity will provide benefits for all businesses in our towns, as well as individuals. Visitors coming here to use our trails will ultimately be spending money on gas, restaurants, hotels, lodging, groceries, ect. These projects simply create more amenities for users, as well as adding to the attractiveness that encourages people to come to this area.

Simply reviewing the site plan and details for these projects, it is very clear that immense thought and considerations have gone into these developments. These projects will rehabilitate a long abandoned, and empty lot in this community. I believe it will be a place where people can gather, find common ground, and relax. All concerns presented in other comments can easily be addressed and managed in an appropriate manner that will allow those living in close proximity to continue to live peacefully and undisturbed.

Thank you for allowing me to submit a comment on this planning proposal. Again, I want to express my support for these two projects moving forward. I think the benefits associated with them are clear and obvious, and will continue to shape this community in a positive way.

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